

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No. : 09/985,734 Confirmation No. 4287
Applicant : Catherine A. HAALA
Filed : November 6, 2001
Title : NATIONAL IDENTIFICATION CARD SYSTEM AND
BIOMETRIC IDENTITY VERIFICATION METHOD FOR
NEGOTIATING TRANSACTIONS
TC/A.U. : 2136
Examiner : Ronald BAUM
Atty. Docket No. : US 1295/01
Date : December 17, 2004

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PETITION TO WITHDRAW APPLICATION FROM ISSUE UNDER 37 CFR
§1.313 (c) (2)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Attn: Office of Petitions

Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions for the withdrawal of the above-identified application from issue under 37 CFR § 1.313(c)(2) because of filing an RCE with an Information Disclosure Statement.

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PATENT ISSUE FEE

The issue fee for the present application was paid on October 22, 2004. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests expedited processing of this Petition.

FILING OF REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Submitted herewith is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Request Transmittal for the present application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114.

FILING OF AN INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Accompanying the Request for Continued Examination attached hereto is an Information Disclosure Statement.

PETITION FEES (37 CFR 1.17(h))

A check in the amount of \$525.00, which includes the Petition fee of \$130.00 and the Request for Continued Examination filing fee of \$395.00. This amount is believed to be correct. However, any deficiency or credit for any overpayment may be made to our Deposit Account No. 01-0433.

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Should the Examiner have any questions or wish to discuss further this matter, please contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,



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